GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3840
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2016
Identification of Beneficiaries
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started linking Public Distribution System (PDS) cards with Aadhaar to control irregularities in the implementation of the said scheme, if so, the details and the present status thereof;
(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that incidents of non-recognition of biometric information, poor network connectivity, machine malfunction etc. among others are reported as causes of authentication failure leading to exclusion of the entitled beneficiaries from taking benefit of PDS, if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken by the Government thereon;
(c) whether measures have been taken to ensure infrastructure and administrative preparedness in implementing the project, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
(d) whether complaints/reports have been received indicating that persons without Aadhaar number/enrolment continue to avail PDS benefits, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with corrective steps proposed in this regard; and
(e) the steps taken to strengthen PDS in the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a): All States/UTs have been requested to seed Aadhaar numbers in Ration Card database. At present overall seeding stands at 61.25% at the National level. State-wise progress of Aadhaar seeding is at Annexure.
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(b) to (e): Department has asked States/UTs to take adequate measures for efficiently handling issues related to bio-metric authentication on e-PoS device. Department has asked them to have alternate network providers, antenna for poor connectivity etc. for handling such issues. Further, Department has also issued instructions to States/UTs for not denying benefits to beneficiaries for not having Aadhaar or in case of authentication failure. The strengthening and streamlining of TPDS is a continuous process. To maintain supplies and secure availability and distribution of essential commodities under the TPDS, the central Government has notified the PDS control order, 2001. Government has also taken up a plan scheme on 'End-to-end Computerization of TPDS Operations'. The National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 which has come into force with effect from 05.07.2013 also prescribes certain reforms in TPDS to be undertaken progressively by the Central and State/UT Governments. Further, Government has been regularly advising the States/UTs administration for continuous revision of lists of beneficiaries, improving the offtake of allocated foodgrains, ensuring timely availability of foodgrains at Fair Price Shops (FPSs), improve monitoring and vigilance at various levels, adoption of revised model, citizen's charter and improving the viability of FPS operations etc.
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ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 3840 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA
State-wise progress of Aadhaar seeding

Sl.	States/UTs	Aadhaar Seeding in RCs
1	Andaman & Nicobar	33%
2	Andhra Pradesh	100%
3	Arunachal Pradesh	44.5%
4	Assam	-
5	Bihar	0.13%
6	Chandigarh	95%
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Chhattisgarh
100%
8
Dadra & Nagar Haveli
74%
9
Daman & Diu
90%
10
Delhi
100%
11
Goa
88%
12
Gujarat
74%
13
Haryana
89%
14
Himachal Pradesh
93%
15
Jammu and Kashmir
62%
16
Jharkhand
88%
17
Karnataka
97%
18
Kerala
95%
19
Lakshadweep
97%
20
Madhya Pradesh
71%
21
Maharashtra
87%
22
Manipur
0.37%
23
Meghalaya
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24
Mizoram
0.39%
25
Nagaland
0.41%
26
Odisha
69%
27
Puducherry
95%
28
Punjab
94%
29
Rajasthan
100%
30
Sikkim
69%

31
Tamil Nadu
19%
32
Telangana
100%
33
Tripura
91%
34
Uttar Pradesh
48.71%
35
Uttarakhand
66%
36
West Bengal
57%
61.25%
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